Forces pensioners, Territorial Army pensioners etc. and anomalies, if any, in implementing the scheme of OTI to be considered by another committee. The latter Committee dealt with the claims of such left out categories of pensioners and submitted its recommendations to the Government. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted. It is expected that almost 2 lakh persons will benefit. The additional expenditure is likely to be of the order of Rs. 20 crores per annum.

The number of ex-servicemen on pension is as under:

(i) Commissioned Officers (as at the end of Oct. 93)	26,530 (approx)
(ii) JCOs/ORs (as at the end of Aug. 73)	11,27,280 (approx)
TOTAL	11,53,810 (approx)

Since the Government has not accepted the demand of Ex-servicemen for One Rank One Pension, exact financial implication of meeting the demand has not been computed.

Poor condition of Kamptee Cantonment

3930. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Kamptee Cantonment in Maharashtra is not properly maintained;

(b) what are the reasons for the poor condition of roads, bridges, lighting and sanitation there;

(c) whether the Kamptee Cantonment faces paucity of funds; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken to ameliorate the condition of the Kamptee Cantonment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Government are aware of the general status of maintenance of civic amenities such as roads, bridges, lighting and sanitation in the Kamptee Cantonment.

The Kamptee Cantonment Board is a deficit Board and requires central aid in terms of grants-in-aid and service charges in order to meet day to day cost of administration. The total income of the Board from local sources during 92-93 was Rs. 8.18 lakhs only as against expenditure of Rs. 57.28 lakhs.

The position of the civic amenities in the Kamptee Cantonment Board is as under:

Roads: The Board maintain 9.07 kms. tar roads and 1.25 kms. water bound macadam. The roads require repairs.

Bridge: The PWD authorities were requested to undertake repair of a bridge on a nalah which connects Cantonment area with the area outside the Cantonment. The PWD authorities have demanded Rs. 15 lakhs for carrying out repairs to the bridge.

Electricity: Electricity in the Cantonment is supplied by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board and the MES. The Board maintain 435 street lights of which 230 are Sodium Vapour lamps (200 of 70 Watts and 30 of 250 Watts).

Sanitation: The condition of sanitation is reported to be satisfactory. The Board has 51 safai karmacharis and 4 sanitary jamadars who work under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

The Kamptee Cantonment Board has incurred Rs. 1,04,322 and Rs. 9,672 for repair of roads during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively. However, works costing Rs. 50,000 were under execution during 1993-94. Due to paucity of funds, the Cantonment Board could not carry out repairs to the bridge.

During the year 1993-94, the Board was sanctioned Rs. 11.20 lakhs as grants-in-aid and Rs. 28.06 lakhs as service charges.

Maintenance of Sitabuldi Fort

3931. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proper financial sanctions are not being made for proper maintenance of the Sitabuldi Fort in Nagpur;

(b) what is the reason for the Sitabuldi Fort facing difficulty in properly maintaining itself;

(c) when will enough money be made available to the Fort authorities for its maintenance; and

(d) what is the demand made by the Fort authorities and how much money is given annually to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Allotment of fund for essential maintenance of Fort is being done on a regular basis out of MES budjet. Against an estimated annual requirement of funds for maintenance of the buildings and roads under the control of defence authorities of Rs. 2.09 lacs and Rs. 0.25 lac, respectively, the actual allocation of funds has been Rs. 0.90 lac and Rs. 0.08 lac for the purpose due to financial constraints. Efforts are being made by the local defence authorities, including deployment of manpower to keep the Fort in a proper state of maintenance within the existing resources.